

BRIDGE ACROSS WABASH RIVER AT VINCENNES, IND.

FEBRUARY 2, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3722]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill S. 3722, an act to authorize the county of Knox, State of Indiana, and the county of Lawrence, State of Illinois, to construct a bridge across the Wabash River at the city of Vincennes, Knox County, Ind., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 16, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (S. 3722, 68th Cong., 2d sess.), to authorize the States of Indiana and Illinois in the States of Indiana and Illinois to construct a bridge across the Wabash River at the city of Vincennes, Knox County, Ind., and connecting Lawrence County, Ill., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Wabash River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 14, 1925.

HON. W. L. JONES,
Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 7, transmitting a copy of the bill (S. 3722) with the request that the committee be fur-

nished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would authorize the county of Knox, State of Indiana, and the county of Lawrence, State of Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River from a point in the city of Vincennes, Ind., to a point opposite in the State of Illinois at a place near the bridge now in operation at said point. The site of the proposed bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the States of Illinois and Indiana and is on one of the most important east and west interstate routes through the city of St. Louis. It is the intention of the highway departments of the States of Illinois and Indiana to construct a free bridge under the authorization proposed to replace the existing bridge which is in a dilapidated condition. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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